

to them. Now that the law has been allowed by the federal government to reflect the reality of what Nebraska's provision had placed on all of the highways, Senator Lamb and others show no consideration for those in the urban areas. And what I have to try to emphasize is the fact that this is not increasing the rate at which anybody can drive in these areas. It is not going to change the amount posted on the sign. I will be no different from what we have currently. We have given something to the rural areas, now if they go 10 miles above 55 there is not even a \$10 fine, so they have gained from the change that LB 430 would bring about. Those in these urban areas lose. All that I'm asking is that we continue to allow those in these urban areas to keep what they had before LB 430, I think it is only fair. And when the discussions against the 55 mile an hour limit were taking place in Congress there was no talk of specifying certain areas in these so-called large western rural type states which would be maintained under 55 mile an hour limit. This was granted as a boon to those who had to save face and lick their wounds in the northeastern part of the country who said that the 55 mile an hour limit would never be changed. So in order that the politicians at the national level can stroke each other, one hand wash the other, they have taken something away from individuals in our state. And I don't think we should be bound by the political agreements at the federal level when it is within our legitimate authority as a Legislature to look after the interests of all of our citizens. There is no area of this state where the traffic volume consistently is so heavy that you need to maintain a 55 mile an hour limit on the signs and by enforcement in any and all circumstances. So I hope you will return the bill and adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the return of the bill to Select File for a specific amendment. Those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on returning the bill. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I recognize that we're under call, but could I ask for us to check in and then I'll ask for a roll call vote.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Certainly. Members, please check in. The house is still under call. If there are members outside the Chamber, please return. Senator Weihing, please check in. Senator Smith. Senator Rupp, the house is under call. Senator Harris, please record your presence. We are apparently only missing Senator Rupp. Would you care to wait, Senator Chambers?